

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 879

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dan Schlafer upon being chosen as the recipient of the 2009 C. Hal Henard Distinguished Service/School Board Member of the Year Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding school administrators and teachers who have devoted their career to providing the very best education to Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dan Schlafer is one such estimable educator, school administrator, and member of the Cumberland County Board of Education, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schlafer was recently named the recipient of the Tennessee School Board Association's (TSBA) highest individual award, the 2009 C. Hal Henard Distinguished Service and School Board Member of the Year Award, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as an educator and Cumberland County Board of Education member, as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, judged the most deserving of an elite group of nominees, Mr. Schlafer will serve as chairman of the All Tennessee School Board; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Cumberland County Board of Education and Federal Programs Director for Monroe County Schools, Mr. Schlafer works tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, teachers, and students, and, through his dedicated efforts, keeps the community involved and informed about school system issues; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Schlafer has been called upon for his singular skills and vast experience in the field of education, earning the respect and admiration of his community while honorably serving in several leadership capacities, including those of

coach, school principal, member of the 2005 All Tennessee School Board, and 2010 President of the TSBA; Mr. Schlafer also holds the prestigious distinction of being a Level V Master Board Member; and

WHEREAS, always striving for excellence in his endeavors, Mr. Schlafer is known as an innovator focused on growth and he has instituted several new initiatives, programs, and policies, ensuring the success of his district's schools, teachers, and students; and

WHEREAS, working assiduously to promote issues concerning education, Mr. Schlafer has published numerous columns and articles in local newspapers, the *TSBA Journal*, and the *American School Board Journal* and, actively involved in both the Tennessee Legislative Network and the Federal Relations Network, he is a frequent presenter at conferences and seminars; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in the education field, he holds membership in several noteworthy organizations, including the Tennessee School Boards Association and the National School Boards Association, and his expertise is often called upon by the Tennessee Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, he has won numerous honors throughout his exemplary career, including gaining the National School Board Association Distinguished Service Award twice and being named a TSBA Ambassador; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schlafer truly epitomizes the paragon of the dedicated public servant who is wholly committed to the highest ideal of quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Dan Schlafer upon being chosen as the 2009 C. Hal Henard Distinguished Service/School Board Member of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the students, teachers, and parents of his school district and of the State of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.